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The Start of Taft

William Allen White, editor and author, is contributing a number of very interesting articles to the American Magazine, and in all justice be it said, they are attracting more genuine interest than anything White has attempted in the magazine line in a good while.

William Allen White is an impressionistic writer, but he also is known for his ability to get at the meat of his subjects and by sticking in a few facts now and then, he always manages to turn out some good reading. He has combined all of his writing ability, however, in a strong word picture of the early days of Taft and the strenuous Roosevelt.

As a picture of character, drawn from the two men who are most in the public eye at this time, Mr. White's article makes good reading.

Following are a couple of extracts from his writings, which throw the light on the man with the big stick and his probable successor:

The most important thing that came into the life of William H. Taft as solicitor general in Washington was not his legal victories. They were incidents of the day's work. He was 33 years old, and as they say, "young for his age." Youth was still alive in him and the interstices of his mind were waxen. So when in knocking about Washington young Taft, living the real world of ideas and seeing the dream world of material things, met a short, stocky, bull-necked, high-souled young man with the Harvard pickles nearly washed off his mind—a civil service commissioner, Theodore Roosevelt by name, as full of energy as a newly wound clock—the stars of two destinies hitched up a notch in their orbits and prepared for a long parallel journey. Never were men who were basically one so entirely antipodal in their expression of the same ideals. Externally Taft is everything that Roosevelt is not. Taft begins each day by a weary, painful, perfunctory half hour of gymnastic gyrations—a kind of canned exercise—which, having been opened and devoured, finishes his physical duty for the day. Roosevelt takes his exercise in the open, with the joy of a satyr in it. Roosevelt's mental processes are quick, intuitive and sure. Until he has made up his mind he is a most open minded person. Taft works it out. He is never too sure to receive new evidence. Taft grapples a proposition, wrestles with it without resting and without fatigue until it is settled or solved. His joy is found at the end of the road. Roosevelt's joy is found in many roads. He wears of monotony, and keeps divers interests in his mind. Many things to employ him under the head of unfinished business. If Providence is slow in sending wars and rumors of wars—what ho, for the nature fakers! Let us be up and doing.

Roosevelt has a marvelous moral sense; he has a detective's nose for finding iniquity in measures. Taft has a prodigious capacity for hard, consecutive work and an instinct for evidence founded on a broad, charitable affection for men, whom he knows as a hunter knows his dogs; and Taft finds the right of things, as Roosevelt finds it, but by a different path. Taft enjoys his meals. Roosevelt, absorbed in work or play, would eat hay and not know it. With Roosevelt eating is like bear hunting, trust fighting, muckraking or fence jumping, a rampant, gorgeous reaction upon his insatiable soul. With Taft eating is a sweet, indefinable mental and moral digestion. Taft's colors his soul's eyes so that he may see a delightful world; or, to change the figure, it is an easy garment, a sort of drapery of his spiritual couch, which he wraps about him and lies down to "pleasant dreams." He has read widely—though not so widely as Roosevelt probably. To find that Taft has read a certain book, pleases him; but does not amaze one. Yet the two men are fundamentally of the same stuff, of the same mind and of the same heart, and when in Washington in those early days of the '90s Taft and Roosevelt loafed together and invited their souls, they established one of those strong friendships that may be established only by men whose exterior form such antipathetical natures that they unite by a spiritual affinity. Both of them scorned money. Neither cared for the thing known as society. Each knew the vanity of the thing called power, and with all their hearts they despised the selfish, sordid, greedy, money getting tendency of the times. Each was the complement of the other. Taft gave Roosevelt peace. Roosevelt fired the soul of Taft. No other friendship in our modern politics has meant more to the American people than this youthful attachment of William Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, for it has made two most important and devoted public servants wiser, kinder, more useful men.

Secretary Taft is going to make a trip to Panama in May. Considering that the time set for his leaving the country is just prior to the big convention of Republicans to nominate a presidential candidate, appearances would indicate that Taft thought he had a cinch on the nomination and did not have to look after it any longer. Anyhow, you don't hear of the peerless leader leaving the firing line right at this time.

When one of those money worn auto enthusiasts can't find any other kind of amusement, he employs an expert chauffeur and starts an automobile race over country roads that even a back woods farmer wouldn't travel with a wagon load of hay. But it's sport to the auto fiend.

"Foot ball toughness is not the toughness which is most profitable in after life."—President Eliot of Harvard. Must be a mistake somewhere. All the short stories have the great quarterback win a rich girl and live ever after without having to work.

A Prof. Meyer, "scientific astrologer" of Hoboken says Roosevelt will be the next president. This looks like an infringement of the prediction of Betty the next president. This looks like an infringement of the prediction of Betty.

Theodore P. Shonts has the edge of a whole lot of fond papers. The duke he purchased for his daughter, died before he had time to beat up his bride and get a divorce.

Any one who thinks that the life of a sailor in times of peace is devoid of danger, will now be undeceived. The sailors with the Pacific fleet were taken for a four hours' auto ride in Los Angeles.

Allegations making Julia Marlowe a divorce co-respondent have been withdrawn, just when a good many other stage ladies were consumed with envy at the publicity she was getting.

Every one in a while some undersized country tries to get into the line-light by pulling the nose of the sultan. Here's hoping Italy is some better of a scrapper than Greece.

At last, even the most conservative of us are compelled to admit that spring has really come. They are cutting alfalfa in Kansas and Tennessee had a tornado.

Ohio has a new law for city and county nominations by primary, intended to do away party bossism. At the same time party bossism has outlived a lot of dooms.

Congress balks at ordering any more submarines. Probably afraid that the next thing demanded will be a United States submarine band.

The mill it is going to fight the night riders in Kentucky. By listening closely it is almost possible to hear a loud guffaw.

The Haiti dollar is worth about a cent. Maybe Haiti could make some use of the Aldrich currency bill.

House cleaning in the spring time, Maude, may properly be classed under the unwritten law.

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DAILY SHORT STORIES

DIAMOND OF DEATH

By Al H. Martin.

Fong See, maker of charms and wise dispenser of evil, carefully withdrew the ring from many wrappings and placed it in its velvet nest. The diamond glowed with shifting brilliancy as if knowing its dread import. The woman examined it carefully, but could detect no change in the stone from the day that it had been given into the hands of the Chinese charmmaker.

"What have you done to it, Fong See?" she said curiously. "I see no difference in it. I believe you are just pretending it will do as I asked. I don't know whether to pay you for it or not."

"You want to kill me you no show him knife before you ready strike," said the charmmaker cunningly. "Him diamond look all right, but him do like I say. You give him lady, she wear him—soon lose all good look, Sabie?"

Mrs. Nonburton withdrew several silver pieces from her purse and placed them in the yellow hand. Taking the little box in her hand she gathered her skirts together and sweeping from the dingy little shop entered her carriage and was driven rapidly from the quarter.

Fong See watched the vehicle roll away with a peculiar smile on his shriveled lips.

II.

"How strange and old Inez is looking tonight."

As Mrs. Nonburton swept past a group of her friends the remark smote her ears, although barely spoken above a whisper. So her friends had also noticed that there was something wrong with her? Instinctively her eyes strayed to the diamond that glittered brilliantly on her white finger. As her gaze lingered on the stone it seemed to her to sparkle with malice. Was the stone, after all, freighted with dread menace?

"I wish I had taken that old Chinese at his word and given to that hateful Flora Wilbur as I intended doing," she murmured, "but I hated to give her such a jewel. I wonder if there is really anything wrong with it. I am feeling old and tired and my face reflects my sensations, else how would my friends observe it? I will go to that old charmmaker and force him to tell me what he did to that stone."

Hastily throwing a dark cloak over her light dress she slipped from the house and rapidly wended her way to the Oriental quarter. The streets were thronged with people and their merry laughter sounded strangely harsh and ominous in her ears as she hurried past.

Fong See gazed on her with sleepy eyes as she glided into his shop. His crafty face wore a look of impressive innocence as he listened to her demand.

"The secret is great," he said, nodding his head slowly, "but for many gold pieces the slave of Kwang-Hsu might be permitted to tell."

Feverishly she drew a purse heavy with gold from her bosom and threw it on the little table. Fong See took it in his hand and slowly concealed it in the folds of his garment.

"When the miserable slave told the great white queen that the diamond would strike surely without warning she believed him not," he said gently, "but now she knows that he spoke the truth. For none may wear such a stone and escape."

"But what did you do to it?" she demanded wildly. "I did not give it to her. I wore it myself."

With shaking hands she drew the ring from her finger and thrust it far from her as if it was a thing of living horror.

"A brother wore it," said Fong See softly. "He died of the plague."

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THE CUB'S CORNER

A Word From Bill Folger!



The greatest puzzle of the age is how to be happy when rich.

By this time the original Judson Harmon man must be well along in years.

Another way we can tell that spring is here is by the straw hats and barefoot boys.

The lesson of the Erie railroad is that filling a railroad full of water doesn't make it a watermelon.

Life is full of little things. Contributing to lark us. Oft we have to choose between Baseball and the circus.

After a self-made man finishes making himself, he is so tired that he hasn't any patience with any one else.

If we could hear ourselves as others hear us, a whole lot of us would not sing and some of us would not talk.

Falling from grace is just like coasting down hill on a good sled. Reforming is like pulling the sled back up the hill to take another slide.

How We Change.

In 1880 we said of a divorced woman, "She has a past." In 1908 we say of a woman who has been divorced only once, "She has a bright future before her," knowing that this is just the beginning.

An Albuquerque girl a few nights ago put a piece of wedding cake under her pillow for dreaming purposes. Her brother stole the cake and put in place of it a piece of hamburger cheese. It is related that the girl dreamed she was buried alive.

"Would you send a man who uses profanity to Congress?"

"I dunno," answered Farmer Carntassel. "Of course, I don't approve of profanity, but I'd want him to be able to hold his own in any of them arguments that come up."

Is Marriage a Failure?

AYES:
Anna Gould
Howard Gould
Frank Jay Gould

NAYS:
George J. Gould
NOT VOTING:
Helen Gould

Here is a story going the rounds in the newspapers along the southern tier of counties. An Oklahoma girl advertised for a husband and got him. The total expenditure for advertising, wedding outfit, etc., was \$11. He died within a year leaving her an insurance policy worth \$10,000. And then some people say it doesn't pay to advertise.

Headings and Comments.

"WRONG MAN IN PRISON."
Lots of wrong men out of it too.
"HALL PARK DRAWS THOUSANDS."
Result must be a group picture.

"PLAYED SOLDIER," SHOT THE BABY.
Infantry skirmish.
"CONGRESS IS TO ADJOIN."
You mean Joe Cannon is.

The Newer Glory.

Since the press dispatches announced a few days ago that Senator Elkins is to be made a duke so that his daughter can marry an Italian nobleman, the Chicago Evening Post has suddenly burst into poetry as follows:

Mother's pricing coupons.
Father's pricing coupons.
Sister goes downtown and gets
Presentation gown;
Cousin's an equestrian now.

Tells Tulsa Business Men He Will Help Them but Also Wants Their Aid in Helping the Indians Get Their Rights.

Washington, April 25.—President Roosevelt spoke to the 100 members of the Tulsa, Okla., Commercial club, who, with a brass band and flaming banners, called at the White House and made it known that they favored the removal of restrictions on the sale of Indian lands in the new state. The president said in part:

"I endeavor to find out what is really for your interests and then do it. I want you to see that the Indian gets his rights. You know as well as I do that there are plenty of Indians who are not yet as well able to take care of themselves as the rest of you extremely able gentlemen from Oklahoma."

"I have no sympathy with that maudlin sentimentalism about the Indian which is most intense the further away you get from where the Indian who needs to be brought along not only give to the very able, very advanced Indian the same show that you give the white man; but that the Indian who needs to be brought along for a decade or two, needs to be educated and trained until he can stand entirely on his own feet, shall have your help."

C. C. Magee briefly addressed the president as the "Great Father," as the delegations from Oklahoma used to call him.

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